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## Your FOIA request

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To: Hunter Heaney <hunter@voiceproject.org>

Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 10:56 AM

Hello Mr. Heaney—

Our FOIA access professionals have been working with Agency component subject matter experts to analyze and process your request. In these discussions, it was determined that it would be helpful if you could narrow your request to specific countries of interest along with a date range, or if you are looking for a specific event or events in relation to US foreign economic development. I understand you want a comprehensive account of any potential activities, but our search systems are indexed in such a way that your request cannot be searched as written. You list instances in your email below, are you looking for records on those or similar events as it relates to CIA and US foreign economic development?

I look forward to hearing from you and hope I can be of further assistance.

Thank you

Michael Lavergne

Information and Privacy Coordinator

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**From:** Hunter Heaney [mailto:hunter@voiceproject.org]

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Hi Mr. Lavergne,

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Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 12:47 PM

Hi Mr. Lavergne,

Thank you very much for your message. The goal, as you mentioned, is to be comprehensive, but I understand how it would be helpful to narrow the request by having additionally defined and more limited search criteria to aid the search process as per records indexing there. I'm happy to amend the request in order to be helpful with that, to that end:

From your suggestions, specification of the country and date range criteria, I believe, would be the best way to go (vs. event specification) in order to maintain the comprehensiveness goal, at least within each country chosen, as designation by event type would limit the request to only previously disclosed events or ones chosen based on supposition rather than capturing the full, and perhaps heretofore undisclosed scope of activity concerning the use of non-military foreign aid, including but not limited to development aid programs (USAID and ODA), for covert or non-developmental purposes such as intelligence gathering and/or other covert activities, as we've discussed in our correspondence, such as those attempting to impact governance, trade policy, etc.

Although it is of course more obscured to the average citizen the date and country range of activities for CIA operations, of the 180 plus countries that have received foreign aid from the US, why don't we narrow that group significantly to 35 (listed below), with a date range: **September 18, 1947 to September 18, 2016.** 

If these country and date range specifications are still too broad for the FOIA request to be fulfilled by the agency, could you give me an indication of what specifically the broadest subset of that information/criteria would be possible for the agency to fulfill, and/or an example of such criteria range(s), in keeping with the goal here of being as comprehensive as possible and with the understanding that this may be a broader range than the typical FOIA request to the agency?

Thank you very much, Hunter Heaney

## **Country list:**

- 1. Central African Republic
- 2 Chad
- 3. Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire, Republic of Congo-Léopoldville)
- 4. Niger
- 5. Republic of Congo-Brazzaville
- 6 & 7. Sudan & South Sudan
- 8. Uganda
- 9. Argentina
- 10. Bolivia
- 11. Brazil
- 12. Chile
- 13. Colombia
- 14. Cuba
- 15. Ecuador
- 16. El Salvador
- 17. Guatemala
- 18. Haiti
- 19. Honduras
- 20. Nicaragua
- 21. Panama
- 22. Venezuela
- 23. Afghanistan
- 24. Egypt

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- 25. Iran
- 26. Israel
- 27. Jordan
- 28. Pakistan
- 29. Syria
- 30. Cambodia
- 31. Indonesia
- 32. Laos
- 33. Malaysia
- 34. Thailand
- 35. Vietnam

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